Maryland ss.

Aprill the 26th 1700

Original Journal.

Whereas the Gen¹¹ Assembly of this Province was on the ^{Jou} 22^d Day of July in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our ^{p. 1} Soveraign Lord William the third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq^t Dni 1699 by his Ex^{ncy} Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Cap^t Gen¹¹ & Govern^r in Chiefe of this his Ma^{tys} Province of Maryland Prorogued untill the 28th Day of October next ensuing and from thence untill the thirteenth Day of Feb^{ty} following and likewise further untill the 26th Instant Att which tyme they were Sumoned to convene themselves together at the Town & Port of Annapolis then & there to do and Consent to Such things as should happen to be enacted for the honour and Glory of God his Ma^{tys} Service & the Welfare of this Province. According whereto Came of his Majesty's hon^{ble} Council

The Honble Colonel Charles Hutchins Colonel John Addison

Colonel John Courts Thomas Brook Esq^r Colonel Hamond

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Came Mr William Dent his Matys Attorny Gen^{II} who was ordered to give his Attendance on this Board

Came his Ex^{ncy} Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r his Maj^{tys} Cap^t Gen^{ll} & Govern^r in Chiefe of this his Province of Maryland And was pleased to tell the Gentⁿ of his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill

That whereas by his Matys Royal Instructions he is directed to advise and consult with them in all things relating to his Matys Service and the good Governmt of the Province And P-2 finding them allways very ready to assist him therein (for which he gave them many thanks) He thought it necessary to acquaint them with what he intended to Say to the Assembly now mett. To the End that if the Same were not Sufficient they would advise Somewhat further to be added or if more than needfull they would say wherein that it might be retrenched, And thereupon produced to them in writing what he intended to offer to the Assembly. Which being considred was very well approved of by this Board.

Then was produced and layd before the Board his most Sacred Matys Ordr in Councill of the 30th of November 1699